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Dear Mr. Paule:

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 April. I remember very well indeed our conversation during the recent briefing session at the State Department and I appreciate the effort that you have made to get in touch with Roy Foster.

I am most appreciative of your invitation to come to Evansville and I certainly want to get there some day. It was my mother's birthplace and I recall with pleasure and nostalgia my visits to the family home there in earlier years. Hence, it is with genuine regret that I decline for now your kind invitation, even though you were good enough to leave the choice of a date to me. As you can understand, I have quite a problem about the question of speaking and limit it to a very few outside appearances. Frankly, if I speak before one organization, I am afraid that I might find it difficult to refuse others and my job here is a silent rather than a speaking one. Nevertheless, I shall bear in mind your good invitation and should I find it possible in the future to come to Evansville, I shall certainly let you know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen S. Dulles
Director

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am sure that you will recall our brief conversation last week when you addressed our radio-TV newsmen during a foreign policy briefing session. I am sure you will recall that we discussed your cousin Roy Foster of Evansville, Indiana. Although I have attempted several times, I have never been able to reach Mr. Foster to give him your best wishes as you requested.

I am wondering, Mr. Dulles, if some time in the near future, Evansville could be honored with a visit from you and an address. I am certain that our city administration, our civic clubs, our Chamber of Commerce and our industries would give you a warm and enthusiastic reception. If you could tell me of a date whereby you could be with us, I would be most happy to arrange a dinner or luncheon meeting.

I was greatly impressed with you and your colleagues at our briefing session. Personally, I feel that these sessions should continue and if we can get you and other officials of your stature to visit our communities, then we can keep our citizens even better informed of these sessions.

Sincerely yours,

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